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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
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For: SELECTION OF INDIVIDUALS FROM A
POOL OF CANDIDATES IN A
COMPETITION SYSTEM

Examiner: J. P. Ouellette

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 15, 2005. A request for a two month extension of time is included herewith.

Applicant hereby elects Group I (claims 1-62, 64-75, and 81-82), without traverse. Applicant expressly reserves the right under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file a divisional application directed to the nonelected subject matter during the pendency of this application, or an application claiming priority from this application.

Applicant requests examination of the elected subject matter on the merits.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Assistant Commissioner to

charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. 570862000100.

In addition, Applicant respectfully requests all U.S. Patent and Trademark Office databases be updated to record a change in attorney docket number. Please delete the attorney docket number of prior counsel and replace it with new attorney docket number **570862000100**.

Respectfully submitted,

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